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Florida Department of Corrections Personnel Arrested

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez, United States Postal Inspector Joseph Costello, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Jacksonville Regional Operations Center Special Agent In Charge Dominick Pape, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Assistant Special Agent in Charge John Chakwin, and Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler announced today the indictment and arrest of Clayton Manning (33), Oscar Shipley (41), Marcus Hodges (32), and Michael Chambliss (36) for distribution of steroids. A fifth individual, Jennifer Hall (29), was indicted and arrested for obstruction of justice. All five individuals were indicted on February 24, 2005 by a federal grand jury sitting in Jacksonville. Manning, Shipley and Hodges face up to 5 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 if convicted. Chambliss faces up to 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$500,000 if convicted on all counts. Hall faces up to 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 if convicted.

Manning, Shipley, Hodges, and Chambliss are all current or former employees of

the Florida Department of Corrections. Hall is an ex-girlfriend of Manning and is alleged to have advised a potential grand jury witness to lie about the steroid activities of those under investigation.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. J. Pashayan.